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Boil-water advisory ends for Clearwood Community near Yelm

OLYMPIA — Residents of the Clearwood Community near Yelm can stop boiling their tap water. Lab test results received today show the water now meets safe drinking water standards.

The association issued a boil-water advisory to residents on Oct. 1, after E. coli was detected in routine water quality monitoring samples. The advisory affected 2,800 residents of the lakeside development on Bald Hill Road, located 10 miles southeast of Yelm.

The state Department of Health inspected the water system on Oct. 3 and found no obvious sources of contamination. The water system operator has repaired most of the maintenance items cited in the inspection report.

The operator disinfected and flushed the system until no chlorine remained. He collected 10 water quality monitoring samples, and all had satisfactory results. One of the association's wells remains out of service and is being disinfected after tests detected total coliform bacteria in it.

"The Clearwood Community Association has worked diligently to resolve this drinking water emergency," said Andy Anderson, assistant manager of southwest regional operations for the agency's Office of Drinking Water. "We appreciate all their hard work."

Clearwood residents who have questions about their drinking water can call 360-894-2941.

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